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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the PCT Written Opinion dated March 8, 1999, a reply to which is due by April 8, 1999, Applicant submits the attached substitute pages 13-15 containing claims 1-23. Applicant submits these substitute pages to conform the pending claims to those in the corresponding U.S. case, which issued as United States Patent No. 5,872,426 on February 16, 1999.

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